

Egyptian Mig-21 downed

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — An Egyptian Mig-21 fighter was shot down over the Gulf of Suez at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. The plane was seen to crash on the west side of the Gulf in Egyptian-controlled territory. No parachute was seen and the pilot is believed to have been killed.

The downing occurred when Egyptian Mig-21s attempted to overfly Israeli-controlled air space in the Gulf area. Israeli fighters, sent out to intercept the Egyptian aircraft, engaged and downed a Mig almost immediately. The remaining Mig's turned tail and escaped. The Israeli planes returned safely to their bases.

The Egyptian planes were believed to have been on a reconnaissance assignment, or possibly to test Israeli readiness in view of the continuing state of top tension prevailing along both banks of the Suez Canal and on the Syrian front. (In Cairo, the military spokesman claimed Israeli planes intruded over Egyptian air space and that, in the ensuing combat, Egyptian aircraft downed an Israeli jet.)

Yesterday, the Egyptians again violated the cease-fire in a number of incidents. Exchanges initiated by the Egyptians during the morning hours included light automatic weapons fire at IDF units stationed at the El Shalish and in the Ismailiya area.

The Egyptian Second Army was also involved in two exchanges at points east of El Shalish, at 9.30 in the morning and again at 2 in the afternoon. IDF units did not suffer casualties.

No supply convoys were sent to Suez town or the besieged Third Army yesterday.

The Finnish troops, responsible for the transfer of the Egyptian convoys through the Israeli lines, had taken the day off to celebrate the 56th anniversary of their independence and were treated by the IDF with a supply of alcoholic beverages and oranges.

The "hottest point" on the Egyptian-Israeli front is, incidentally, claimed to be an ingeniously constructed sauna set up by the Finnish U.N. contingent in a tent near the kilometre 101 negotiating point. Still lacking: ice-cold water which is an essential ingredient of the Finnish sauna ritual.

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Kissinger: Geneva talks 'extremely probable'

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said yesterday that despite the high state of tension between Israel and Egyptian forces, the U.S. still believed it "extremely probable" that the Middle East peace conference would begin in Geneva on December 18 as scheduled. He also declared that the U.S. does not rule out the permanent stationing of American and Soviet troops to enforce a peace in the Mid-East.

Addressing a news conference here, Kissinger said that the U.S. is prepared to consider guarantees "in

the broadest sense" and is willing to examine any ideas that the parties involved may propose as to adequate guarantees. "As to the permanent stationing of U.S. and Soviet forces in the Middle East, we are somewhat dubious," he stated, adding, "We do not rule it out totally but we are reluctant to get into this."

Regarding participation by the Soviet Union in negotiations for a Mid-East settlement, Kissinger said "we did not consider some Soviet actions as constructive" but in "setting up the conference, the Soviet

Union has played a constructive role." He said he could not predict what the Soviet Union would do once the Geneva conference opened, but if the Soviet Union attempted to set forth "extreme resolutions, it will make a settlement extremely difficult."

He told the news conference that "some technical details" remained to be worked out on the "form and nature of the invitations" to the peace conference but "they are relatively easily soluble." He said that the U.S. was now in touch with Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, the Soviet Union and the U.N. Secretary General — the participants in the conference — to work out appropriate procedures.

On the break-off in talks at Kilometer 101 and the shooting down yesterday of an Egyptian plane, he said both sides are "in danger of imminent encirclement" and this means that there is "need for separation of forces to reduce this danger."

He said he did not believe that the cease-fire "will come apart" or that the conference will be jeopardized. Asked about the role of the Palestinians, Kissinger said their participation and role in the conference would be "best settled by the parties at the conference." On the solution of the "Palestinian question" a settlement would have to be found between the "rights of the Palestinians and the limitations of absorption in the mandated territory of Palestine," he said.

The Secretary indicated that he believed the Egyptian-Israeli squabble over military disengagement probably would have to be carried over to the Geneva conference. He did not say so flatly, but in response to a question he said, "we believe the negotiation process (at Geneva) will begin with problems of a military nature."

When those problems are settled, he said, talks can begin about permanent settlement, to comply with U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

Kissinger pointed out that the U.S. cannot control the major decisions which will be taken. He declined to repeat threats of several weeks ago about possible U.S. countermeasures against the Arabs if they continued the oil embargo against the U.S. "We believe a settlement will flow from U.S.-Arab cooperation."

Kissinger, who next week will make the first trip by any high-level U.S. official to Syria in almost 10 years, indicated he believed the Syrians would release Israeli prisoners they hold.

He said the U.S. believes the release of the prisoners of war is an essential part of the cease-fire agreement and "we have told the parties concerned."

Ranging over a series of issues but dwelling mostly on the Middle East, the Secretary of State also said:

• A State Department study indicates the recent war powers legislation does not supersede the Cooper-Church amendment which bans the President from sending troops into Indochina without prior Congressional approval.

• NATO is faced with a number of significant disagreements but described his trip to Brussels for a ministers meeting next week as not in a spirit of "confrontation" but one of cooperation.

Dayan to meet with Kissinger today

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Defence Minister Moshe Dayan was due to fly to Washington for talks with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on the eve of the latter's visit to Arab states and Israel in preparation for the Israel-Arab peace conference scheduled to be held in Geneva on December 18.

The Defence Minister's talks with Kissinger, scheduled for today, were likely to concentrate on the question of the disengagement of the Israel and Egyptian forces at the Suez Canal front. This issue remained the stumbling block in the full implementation of the Kissinger-authored six-points cease-fire

stabilisation agreement which was designed to serve as a curtain-raiser to the Geneva peace talks.

While maintaining an uncertain attitude towards both the military negotiations and the peace conference, the Egyptian Government indicated yesterday that it was withholding its decision pending the completion of Kissinger's current Middle East diplomatic activity. Dr. Kissinger begins his new Middle East tour next Thursday.

In contrast to Cairo's previous insistence on an Israeli withdrawal from the western bank of the Suez Canal to the so-called October 22 cease-fire lines prior to the peace conference, Egyptian Chief of Staff (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

Wide-ranging talks

By DANIEL GOTTLIEB
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's talks here with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Defence Secretary James Schlesinger are expected to cover both the political aspects of the Middle East situation and Israel's shopping list for U.S. arms, informed sources said yesterday.

Embassy officials were insisting that the trip here was related to a speaking engagement in New York arranged some time ago and not to Dr. Kissinger's departure this

weekend for a new round of talks in Israel and Arab capitals next week.

But his presence here undoubtedly will be used by the Secretary to sound out the latest Israeli thinking on Israel's bargaining posture for the Geneva conference.

With some resistance manifesting itself in Congress to the Nixon Administration's request for \$2.2m. military aid to Israel, the Defence Minister is still expected to press for longer-term commitments beyond this figure.

Cyprus frees seven Arab terrorists

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP). — Seven Arab terrorists jailed for attacks on Israeli targets in Cyprus were released by the Cypriot Government yesterday and placed on a plane for Cairo.

The release came 12 days after another group of Arab terrorists aboard a hijacked Dutch KLM jet landed briefly at Nicosia airport to make a demand on President Makarios for their comrades' release, before continuing their odyssey around the Middle East.

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Labour Party gives big confidence vote for Mrs. Meir

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Premier Golda Meir earned an overwhelming vote of confidence yesterday from her Labour Party Central Committee. In a secret ballot held at 3 a.m. yesterday after a marathon all-day session, the Central Committee renewed her mandate as the head of the Labour Alignment Knesset candidates' list and as its candidate for the premiership.

There were 231 votes for, 33 against and 15 abstentions with two blank ballots. There are some 600 members of the Central Committee, and the absenteeism was attributed to members having left because of the late hour as well as the absence of members still on army reserve duty.

The party also unanimously adopted the 14-point peace and security compromise programme in an open vote which will provide the guidelines to the party election platform and Israel's position at the Geneva peace conference. Interest was aroused when both Mrs. Meir and Minister-without-Portfolio Israel Galili noted that Israel had not yet received any invitation to go to Geneva—although Jerusalem was the first capital to agree on the principle to attend the parity.

The meeting itself was convened at Mrs. Meir's behest in order to clarify party policy and its measure of confidence in her leadership. Despite her entreaties, no opposing candidate tabled his name.

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Ford sworn in as U.S. 40th V-P.

WASHINGTON. — Gerald Ford was confirmed yesterday by the House of Representatives as America's 40th Vice-President and took the oath of office within an hour.

It ended a two-month vacancy in the office created by the resignation of Spiro Agnew.

Ford, former House of Representatives Republican leader, took the oath of office at a joint meeting of Congress.

The Senate had confirmed him last week. The historic house vote marked the first time Congress has acted under the 25th amendment to confirm a Vice-President.

The setting for swearing in the 60-year-old House Republican leader was in the chamber of the house where he served 25 years.

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Maccabi cagers beat Dutch

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi last night beat Dutch basketball champions Lens-Haarlem 90:71 to win its place in the quarter-finals of the European Cup for Champions. Haarlem won its first game 85:84 in Holland last week.

By half-time last night, Maccabi was clearly in command with a 47:38 lead. It went even further ahead in the second period, and although the Dutchmen fought back gamely, Maccabi emerged 90:71 clear-cut winners.

The Yad Eliahu stadium here was packed to capacity with a crowd of 10,000, including 2,500 soldiers — the guests of Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Among the soldiers were many wounded, who were given the best seats at the edge of the pitch. They were given an enthusiastic ovation by the crowd as they were wheeled into the stadium.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.
Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy, possible rain at end of period.
Weather synopsis: Weak ridge over eastern Mediterranean.

Station	Temp.	Wind	Clouds	Pressure
Jerusalem	13-18	1-3	1-3	1014
Golan	10-15	1-3	1-3	1014
Nahariya	10-15	1-3	1-3	1014
Safed	10-15	1-3	1-3	1014
Haifa	10-15	1-3	1-3	1014
Tiberias	10-15	1-3	1-3	1014
Nasrati	10-15	1-3	1-3	1014
Afula	10-15	1-3	1-3	1014
Shomron	10-15	1-3	1-3	1014
Tel Aviv	13-18	1-3	1-3	1014
Be'er Sheva	13-18	1-3	1-3	1014
Eilat	13-18	1-3	1-3	1014
Tiran	13-18	1-3	1-3	1014

Social and Personal

The Finnish Ambassador and Mrs. Algar von Helroth gave a reception at the Accadia Hotel in Herta yesterday on the occasion of Finland's Independence Day. Among those attending were Foreign Minister Moshe Kol, State Comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl, Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen and members of the diplomatic community.

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Kenneth Keating, yesterday opened a Christmas bazaar at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. Proceeds from the sale of all items, made by Embassy wives, will go to Israel charities.

Mr. Jacques Schneider, of Paris, representing the French Friends of the Technion, yesterday visited the Technion, in Haifa, to make arrangements for the ceremony in March to mark beginning of construction of La Maison de France at Technion City.

The Working Mothers Organization in Haifa will open its annual bazaar, in the presence of Labour Minister Yosef Almog, at the Gil Hall, 43 Rehov Herzl, at 5.30 tomorrow evening.

Prof. Chaim Wirszbein, Member of the Israel National Academy of Sciences and Humanities, will lecture (in Hebrew) on Giovanni Pico's Orphic Magic on Tuesday, December 11, 1973 at 6.15 at the Academy, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Talbich, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Shmuel Mikunis, M.K., Secretary-General of the Israel Communist Party (Kibbutz), accompanied by Eliahu Drukman, chairman of the party's Central Committee, from a 10-day visit to the Soviet Union.

Begin calls for peace talks, 'not surrender'
RAMLE. — Likud (Gahal) leader Menachem Begin on Wednesday night accused the leaders of the Alignment of proposing a unilateral Israeli withdrawal — a procedure he said would bring not peace but only a smoother path for the Arabs on the way to their proclaimed objective, the destruction of Israel.

Speaking to an election rally here, Mr. Begin said the Likud, too, wanted negotiations with the Arabs, but not on a basis of surrender. He charged the Alignment with creating an atmosphere of despair which the facts did not justify. He promised to call on all parties to join in a national unity government if his bloc wins at the polls.

Opposition to daylight saving
BNEI BRAK. — A public committee has been set up here to fight the Government's decision to advance the clock by one hour from January 15.

The committee claims the move, part of the Government's energy-saving campaign, will make it difficult for observant workers and schoolchildren to perform their morning devotions before leaving home, as they must wait for sunrise. It hopes to get the Government to postpone the introduction of daylight saving to a later date.

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KIBBUTZ NAHSHON

Industry asking army to free 10,000 key personnel

TEL AVIV. — Labour Minister Yosef Almog yesterday put at about 10,000 the number of vital personnel that the army would be asked to release from military service shortly.

Mr. Almog made the estimate to an "Itim" reporter during a visit he made to the combined employer-union-army committee sitting now at Kiryat Hamelacha here on requests for release of employees.

The committee, one for each trade or industry, have already processed some 500 requests, 200 of which they turned down flat. The rest are being passed on with their recommendation to the army, which has the final say.

Answers are expected to start coming in the next few days, and

to take no more than about 10-12

those released. Mr. Almog promised to look into this.

The transport committee was told that a larger number than expected of release requests had been received, with Egged alone asking for more than 2,000 men back. The committee expected to recommend that 700 of these be released. It is thought the army will agree to only 300-400.

The committee's recommendations can be turned down only on the brigade level or higher in the army.

In talking with the committee members, Mr. Almog admitted that it was hard to expect men to be released with things (at the front) going as they were then and the day before. "But let's hope they change by Monday," he added.

Peres: Everything was fine

Government orders more trucks, railway cars and tracks

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — The Government has decided to order another 500 heavy-duty trucks from abroad to help ease the trucking shortage. Transport Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday. Together with the 2,500 already ordered (of which 1,000 have arrived), and 100 more which were in the ports at the outbreak of the war, there will soon be 3,100 new heavy-duty trucks on the roads.

Mr. Peres, in a general survey of the transport situation since the Yom Kippur War broke out, claims that the pre-war arrangements (especially those of Melech) had worked most efficiently. At any rate, the public had received a steady stream of supplies; the ports had not been clogged (temporary warehouses had been built, and stories about newly-imported trucks clogging the ports were unfounded, he said); trucks were moving out daily, as new ones continued to arrive; 3,500,000 crates of citrus had been shipped (as compared with 2,500,000 crates in the comparable period last year); building materials were flowing to construction sites; and grain and potatoes had been moved in good time.

Moreover, he said, to further ease the shortage of trucks, Gaza Port has been opened to cargoes other than cement arriving in sacks (grain, sugar, etc.), about 1,000 trucks had been mobilized from Arab trucks living in Israel, and another 300 had been rented from residents of the administered areas.

ARMY TO BUY

Mr. Peres also said the Army would buy 1,250 heavy trucks and 5,000 smaller trucks, thus allowing the Army to release the trucks it had requisitioned from civilians. A decision on where and how to buy these trucks would be taken December 15. The Army has already released 2,000 pickup trucks used to carry passengers and had mobilized 2,000 passenger cars instead.

Finally, Mr. Peres said, the haulage capacity of the railways would be increased tremendously, by decreasing passenger trains in favour of freight trains, and by buying 100 flatcars, 30 grain wagons, 15 tankers, and two new engines (as well as 2,000 tons of tracks for building seven new spurs at packing warehouses).

Dutch builders to get Israel wine

Jerusalem builders have decided to send their counterparts in Amsterdam several hundred cases of Israeli wines as a New Year gift to mark their appreciation of the Dutch resistance to Arab oil blackmail.

David Levi, Chairman of the Jerusalem Building Contractors Association, informed his Dutch counterparts of the gift by telephone yesterday. The Dutchman was thrilled.

"You couldn't have thought of anything better to warm our hearts a bit in the present cold in Holland," he said.

The Dutch Embassy in Jerusalem has also expressed its appreciation of the gesture.

All these acquisitions (except for the Army purchases, which are under a different budget) will cost about IL500m. They will bring the civilian haulage capacity up from 60,000 tons a day now to 150,000 tons a day (as compared to 250,000 tons a day before the war).

However, the Minister said, two problems still remain to be solved: one is the shortage of garage mechanics and spare parts; the other is finding more efficient loading and unloading methods to be used in the ports.

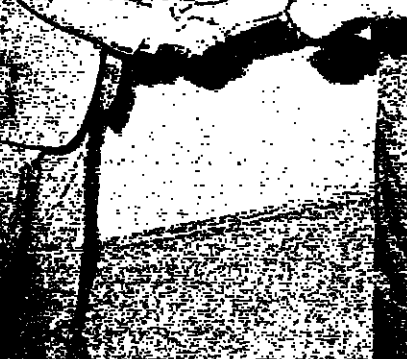
The chairman of Melech (the Emergency Economic Committee), Muna Mardor, justified the operation of his committee yesterday to members of the business community in Haifa. He said Melech had

met all the most pressing demands

of the economy, such as the transport of seed potatoes, livestock feed and other seasonal agricultural goods — despite the critical shortage of trucks.

Mr. Mardor said one of the lessons learned during the war was that the privileged status of "essential enterprises" should be accorded to industrial plants in development towns, where they are the main source of income for the population.

He added, in response to criticism, that his authority was confined to "coordination and the establishment of priorities." Policy decisions and implementation, he explained, remained the exclusive province of the various Government ministries.



A FRIEND IN NEED. — The Ramat Hasharon Local Council held reception on Wednesday night for a group of Dutch truck drivers who have been in Israel for several weeks, helping ease the trucking shortage. Council chairman Pessah Belkin, above left, presents one of the drivers with a medallion inscribed in Hebrew and Dutch with the proverb "A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed." (Wednesday was Holland's national day.)

Price of petrol Looking for bus to rise again drivers abroad

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — The price of petrol will again be raised sharply in the near future, Transport Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday. He declined to go into details.

This measure, in addition to the carless day to come into effect on December 15, is expected to have the effect of petrol rationing.

As for the choice of the carless day, he said the Government will place a "win" — for Shabbat — on its own cars, and he advised everyone else to follow suit. However, he said, it was not possible to force everyone to do this. There is no public transport on Saturdays, and it would be unfair to deprive a soldier on a brief leave of the possibility of hitching a ride on Saturday — which would be the case if there were no private cars on the road.

The carless day will save about 10 per cent of the 500,000 tons of petrol used a year by private cars, he said (in all, the country uses about seven million tons a year).

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapais lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 078261 and No. 730809. Number 035428 won IL50,000. Numbers 068055 and 089564 won IL12,500. Tickets 442979, 509254, 525259 and 622773 won IL2,500. Tickets ending in "77" won IL1.

The following won IL1,250: 196366, 231582, 553106, 741567, 726328, 150025, 237310, 505597, 674567, 144564, 231983, 369378, 669080, 060638, 231575, 366488, 646870, 000096, 225384, 313135, and 578550.

Tickets ending with 05173, 25884, 35046, 35899, 40302, 43771, 65051, 96492, 98172, 98653, won IL600.

Tickets ending with 00833, 04405, 06610, 10879, 14121, 15686, 17694, 18922, 21331, 25437, 33941, 42843, 44178, 44838, 57411, 57730, 61572, 62034, 69362, 75523, 79120, 83918, 86928, 93507, and 94997 won IL250.

Tickets ending with 1653, 3209, 4843, 5490, 6119, 6490 and 9407 won IL100.

Tickets ending with 1157, 2200, 0040, 0160, 0797, 0871, 1187, 2200, 2979, 3634, 3798, 3851, 3946, 3975, 4232, 4365, 4708, 4851, 5479, 5788, 6219, 6267, 6094, 6167, 6302, 6793, 6976, 7305, 7653, 7783, 8164, 8389, 8451, 8736, 8759, 8969, 9184, 9462, 9616, 9666 and 9902.

S. Yemen claims Iranian troops are on its border



BEIRUT (UPI). — The Government of South Yemen has announced that foreign military forces were being massed on its borders with the Sultanate of Oman.

In a statement issued by the South Yemeni Embassy in Beirut yesterday, the Yemeni Government said Iranian troops, air and naval units were involved.

"Units of the Iranian Navy and Air Force have left their base at Shahbahr and moved into the Sultanate of Oman towards the Omani borders with the Democratic Republic of Yemen," the statement said.

It added, "Other troops, estimated at 30,000 men supported by squadrons of fighter aircraft, have moved in the direction of the 4th and 5th governorates of Yemen." These forces, according to the statement, had attacked the two governorates at the time of the Arab-Israeli October war.

The statement added that Israel and U.S. 7th Fleet movements near the Straits of Bab al-Mandeb "are engineering by reactionary and imperialist forces to bring pressure to bear on the progressive regime in the Democratic Republic of Yemen." It called on all national and progressive forces in the Arab world to support South Yemen in repelling the danger.

Jordan: Arabs must unify stand by Dec. 18

ADMAN (UPI). — Premier Zaid Rifai said Jordan does not see any use in attending the proposed international peace conference before the Arabs unite their stands. Government sources said yesterday. Mr. Rifai was speaking at a seminar held here on Wednesday.

He said, "We do not see any use in our going to the peace conference (scheduled to open in Geneva December 18) before our Arab points of view were united."

Mr. Rifai said Egypt, Syria and Jordan should be represented at the conference with one unified delegation and should agree on specific roles to be played by each member of the delegation.

FLO NOT ON ITS OWN

He said Jordan has no objection to the representation at the conference of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), but noted that the PLO group will have to be part of the Jordanian delegation.

The Jordanian Premier said the PLO has the right "to demand the rights of the Palestinian people which were usurped before the 1967 war."

In the recent Arab summit conference in Algiers, Arab heads of state decided to consider the PLO the sole representative of the Palestinian people; but the organization has not been invited to attend the peace conference.

The Jordanian Premier said Jordan will start a dialogue with Egypt, Syria and the PLO to take a unified stand before going to the conference.

He said Jordan insisted that the Palestinian people decide their own destiny, "and we refuse to have any one forced on the Palestinian people."

Mr. Rifai was referring to the summit's decision to consider the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

He added, "Our information is that the majority of the inhabitants of the West Bank support the unity (with Jordan)."

Mr. Rifai said the October Arab-Israeli war was a surprise to Jordan. He said this war "was not decisive" though it activated the Middle East situation, but "there are no guarantees that a final solution will be reached."

Former Canadian P.M. urges Israel to stand firm

TORONTO (UPI). — John Diefenbaker, 77-year-old former prime minister, urged Israel on Wednesday not to be pressured by the U.S. into making "unjustifiable concessions" to the Arab states.

"The United States has been and will continue to be" Israel's friend, Mr. Diefenbaker said in a prepared text. But he said, "the Americans were not inclined to military involvement in the Middle East and did not want a confrontation with the Soviet Union."

He said "Israel should not permit itself to be subjected by its friend, the U.S., to make unjustifiable concessions."

Mr. Diefenbaker was honoured Wednesday night at the Negev Din-

ner, an annual fund-raising event sponsored by the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Diefenbaker did not spell out what terms Israel should accept at the upcoming Middle East peace conference. But, he said, it "must be assured of borders protected by international agreement and U.N. forces. 'Commas must not be made in some details,' Mr. Diefenbaker said, 'but they must be subject to the guarantee of Israel as a nation entitled to live in peace.'"

German M.P.s coming next week

By BRIAN ARTHUR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — The West German-Israeli Parliamentary Group will send a delegation to Israel next week in a gesture of friendship with the Knesset and the people of Israel, the group's chairman, Gunther Metzger, announced yesterday.

Mr. Metzger said that, in the present situation, the Germans had a special obligation to make clear the need to "further expand our friendly relations" with Israel.

The German-Israeli group is made up of about 100 Bundestag deputies, or about 20 per cent of the members of parliament.

Mr. Metzger also announced that the European Parliamentary Committee for Friendship with Israel founded recently in Paris, would probably hold a meeting in the near future in West Berlin.

He said a resolution passed by parliamentarians from 11 European countries at the Paris meeting and stressing Western Europe's "desire to secure the future of the State of Israel" would be submitted to Bonn's 496 Bundestag members for their signature.

In a related development, the German-Israeli Society announced yesterday it was sending 34 young Germans to Israel on Saturday. They will help out on various kibbutzim for four weeks. More youth groups will be sent next year, the Society said.

Soviets to pay 18% of Unef Mid-East costs

WASHINGTON (AP). — A U.S. official said on Wednesday that Soviet financial support for the United Nations peace-keeping force in the Middle East may lead to a Soviet deal on the long-standing U.S.-Soviet deadlock over the force.

Ambassador William E. Schaefele, senior political adviser on the U.S. mission to the U.N., called the Soviet financial support "encouraging."

Mr. Schaefele told three House Foreign Affairs subcommittees at a joint hearing that the Soviet Union has agreed to pay about 18 per cent of the estimated \$30m cost of the U.N. Emergency Force in the Middle East. The U.S. is to pay 29 per cent.

Nixon names Moscow envoy, accepts Sisco resignation

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Richard Nixon announced several major diplomatic nominations yesterday, including that of Walter Stoessel Jr. to the long-vacant post of Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

At the same time, Mr. Nixon announced he had accepted "with deep personal regret" the resignation of Joseph Sisco as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Sisco, a major figure in the search for a Middle East peace, will remain on the job until he assumes the presidency of Hamilton College in New York next spring.

In addition to Mr. Stoessel, the nominations include:

- William Buffum, to Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, replacing David Popper, who is being nominated as Ambassador to Chile.
- Donald Easum, to Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, succeeding David Newsom, whose nomination as Ambassador to Indonesia was announced.
- Theodore Euders, to Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, replacing Willis Armstrong, who is resigning and returning to private life.
- Robert McCloskey, to Ambassador-at-large, to take charge of State Department press operations, public affairs and Congressional relations.
- Arthur Hartman, to Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, succeeding Mr. Stoessel.

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General Sa'ad Eddin Shazly yesterday said that Egypt now preferred an Israeli pull out to the eastern bank of the waterway. It was not clear whether Shazly was expressing a toughened stand or whether he implied that Cairo might be considering Israel's original proposal, which called for disengagement on the eastern side of the Canal.

Arab news media yesterday quoted Shazly and other top Egyptian military commanders as boasting that their armed forces were now stronger than before the outbreak of the October war and that the Israeli bulge on the western bank is of no military value.

A U.N. spokesman last night said that UNEF commander General Emilio Sifras received no notice from Egypt to resume the Kilometer 101 military talks, indicating that Cairo has not yet adopted a final stand on the question of disengagement.

Egypt's official government spokesman Ahmed Anis said last night that Cairo's stand on the resumption of the 101 negotiations will be determined "through Israel's respect

for its own signature and its adherence to the cease-fire stabilization agreement's clause two," which calls for talks on the disengagement of forces at the Suez Canal front.

In reply to a question on whether Egypt plans to attend the Geneva peace conference, Anis said "Israel's overtures in carrying out the commitments was casting shadows on the peace conference."

In reply to another question, however, Anis implied that Egypt would finally determine its position following the current diplomatic consultations Cairo was conducting mainly with the U.S. Anis made his remarks at a press briefing.

Cairo radio quoted him as saying that Egypt would decide on its stand in the light of three principles listed as follows:

- Full adherence by the parties concerned to all claims of the cease-fire stabilization agreement which Egypt and Israel signed on November 11.
- Implementation of relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions "dictating an Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands."
- Restoration of the national rights of the Palestinian people.

Labour confidence in Meir

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the existence of two independent states — Israel with united Jerusalem as its capital and a Jordanian-Palestinian Arab state to the east, with rejection of an additional Palestine Arab state to the west of the River Jordan.

Until a peace agreement or any interim agreement, Israel will maintain the cease-fire situation; settlements will be founded in keeping with security considerations; Israel will strive to buttress the special relationship with the U.S. and world Jewry was urged to maintain its spiritual and material support of Israel and encourage mass Aliya.

Various amendments were submitted by the doves but they only earned few votes. Dr. Raanan Weiss implied that Israel could go back to some of the June 4 lines. Yehiel Leibor could be seen arguing with the Youth Division spoke up for a Palestine entity, and Rabbi Menachem Hacohen spoke of Jewish towns in the Arab state, east of Israel.

Unity tended to break up towards the end of the session, when tensions and patience grew short. Mr. Galili declared that the document named after him had not been cancelled by the 14 points, and challenged its opponents to table a motion. This so annoyed the "doves" that Avraham Ofer, M.K., and Mr. Sariel could be seen arguing with Mr. Sariel to take some kind of motion. Then Mr. Eliav came to the rostrum to peek up Mr. Galili's challenge.

In his speech, Mr. Sariel had stated that the Galili document "adopted its fulfillment."

under threat of a party split, was now in shreds. Anyhow, he said, there was now no money to pay for his plans. Earlier, in an apparent reference to Mr. Sariel, Mr. Galili said: "This is not a private document. I did not volunteer IL150m. of my Ministry budget to finance it."

Mr. Sariel remarked sarcastically on Mr. Dayan's earlier expression of regret at having said years ago he wanted to get rid of both Eshkol and Sariel. Mr. Sariel's comment was: "Time does have an effect."

Mr. Sariel stressed: "We have to be much more flexible in offering concessions. The peace negotiations means revisions of accepted notions. We must not rely for our security only on territories." Mr. Sariel dismissed those "who base themselves on selective quotations from the Bible for policy decisions."

He warned against adopting an ideology based on "a people that resists alone." He warned that this terrible international isolation carries dreadful danger for us.

As to the Galili document, Mr. Sariel stressed that it was not a political programme but an operative working programme for the territories. She was aware that IL150m. were not now available for it. "There is no need for the path to Geneva to be paved with its shreds. Sadat said the Galili document caused the war and some here followed suit. It is not cancelled but Sariel can postpone its fulfillment."

After she ended her speech Mr. Sariel appealed to Mr. Eliav to withdraw his motion, noting that Mr. Dayan had earlier termed the document "unoperative." When Mr. Eliav, apparently by pre-arrangement, agreed to Mr. Sariel's plea, Mrs. Meir came forward and demanded a clear-cut vote. "I don't want everyone to interpret afterwards whether it was cancelled or not."

Both Mr. Galili and Mr. Dayan backed her motion amid rising tension throughout the hall with their supporters shouting at Eliav. "Now we'll see how few votes you got." How Mr. Sariel insisted that it be dropped and Party secretary-general Aharon Yadin said, "We don't need a vote, no one proposed to cancel or re-confirm it."

He said that

Samaritans fear return of Nablus to Arab rule

SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"O Lord, throw us not up dark dungen and show us our sacrifices three years ago," the prayer chanted these 250 Samaritans of Holon as they gathered for the annual Seder at the Seder House in Holon. The Samaritans, who live in a small village near Nablus, are the only Samaritans left in Israel. They fear the return of Nablus to Arab rule, which would mean the end of their community.

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Gerizim, above Nablus, for the paschal lamb sacrifice. Nevertheless, they encountered a great many difficulties and humiliations en route. Their baggage was searched thoroughly at least three times between the Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem and Nablus. They had to line up for inspections several times daily, and many were subjected to long interrogations. They were put up in a special closed camp surrounded by a heavy Jordanian guard. In 1968 the Jordanians halted the crossing of young men, on the pretext that they served in the Israeli army.

PRISONERS, NOT PILGRIMS

"We were treated like prisoners rather than pilgrims. We could not visit holy sites other than Mount Gerizim, and we could not even go to Succot and Shavuot — only to the Feast," one Samaritan said. "Now we are free to go whenever and wherever we want. We have re-established contact with our relatives in Nablus. We don't want things to change. If Nablus returns to Arab hands, we fear our fate will be worse than before."

The greatest fear, however, concerns the fate of the fewer than

200 Samaritans residing in Nablus. The Arabs always regarded them as a foreign element, and they suffered greatly from discrimination and persecution. "We welcomed the Israeli army with such joy that no Samaritan would be safe there if Israel left," one Nablus Samaritan (living with a Holon family) told The Jerusalem Post.

The Samaritans here believe few Samaritans would be left in Nablus to see how any agreement between the belligerents is implemented. The overwhelming majority would escape to Israel. "This might mean the end of thousands of years of Samaritan residence in Shechem. If a Palestinian state were established, the remaining Samaritans in Nablus would be in the same position as Jews in East Germany," Mr. Zedaka says.

A survey of Nablus Samaritans in the summer of 1970, when they were anxious about the Rogers Plan, showed that 45 per cent had already made up their minds to move to Israel in case the Israelis withdrew from Nablus. Holonites say the percentage of those who would flee would be far greater now.

Anglicans reorganize Jerusalem representation

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed a Vicar General to take temporary charge of the affairs of the Anglican Church in Jerusalem. The Archbishop of Canterbury announced that the Anglican Consultative Council gave general approval, at its meeting in Dublin in July, to the making of a new Constitution for a Council of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, comprising the united dioceses of Jordan, Lebanon-Syria and Jerusalem, a new diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, the diocese of Egypt and the diocese of Iran.

ELECTED LOCALLY

According to the statement, the Council recognized that a procedure of election within the Province of a Bishop for the diocese of Jerusalem would supersede the present practice of the appointment from outside the Province of an Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem. While acknowledging the special place of Jerusalem in the Christian world, the Council believed that the general principle that the Anglican Church in any place is represented by its elected diocesan bishop should also obtain in Jerusalem.

lem and the Middle East, the bishop's function being primarily as minister and pastor.

The proposed new Council will have authority delegated to it by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Archbishop considers that it cannot be introduced until the Constitution has been worked out in full detail. The Archbishop has therefore decided to appoint a Vicar General who will have charge of the affairs of the Anglican Church in Jerusalem when Archbishop Appleton retires in March 1974. The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Stopford, who recently retired from the bishopric of London, has accepted appointment as Vicar General. He will hold office for not more than two years. His principal task will be to supervise the planning of the new Constitution and the transition to it. He will be in general, responsible for all the work now devolving on the Archbishop in Jerusalem. He will see to the provision of a separate Constitution of a new diocese as well as the wide concerns of the Anglican Communion will be safeguarded as well as diocesan interests.

He will also make provision, after consultation with the Arab Churches, for episcopal appointments to meet the needs of the present diocese of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria until the constitution of a new diocese has been worked out.

Villager admits throwing bomb in Jerusalem

One of the two youths arrested following the hand grenade explosion in the Old City on Tuesday was remanded for 15 days in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday. Yunus Salam Arkub, 18, of Dura village, near Hebron, admitted throwing the grenade, which injured 21 persons, mostly women.

All but six of those hospitalized were discharged on Wednesday. The one girl soldier who was seriously injured is reported to be out of danger.

The other suspect, who was arrested together with Arkub, is still being held for questioning. (Itm)

Villager killed in explosion

A resident of Mazra'at al-Kiblaya, near Ramallah, was found dead in his outdoor lavatory yesterday morning after it was rocked by an explosion. Police believe he accidentally set off the charge himself. Shukri Yusef Mahmud Abu Karra, 48, was found in the outbuilding by members of his family, who rushed out when they heard the blast. They then informed police.

Two charged with crossing border

HAIFA. — Two residents of Sakbina, a Western Galilee village, were charged in the District Court here yesterday with crossing the border illegally into Lebanon. The prosecution charged that Mohammed Mustafa, Hanif Zheidat, 19, and a 16-year-old companion whose name was withheld, crossed into Lebanon through the security fence near Kiryat Simona on November 11. They were caught by Lebanese soldiers, taken to an army base for questioning, and returned to Israel on November 22 under U.N. auspices. (Itm)

Sapir to U.S.

LOD AIRPORT. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir left yesterday morning for a five-day fund-raising tour of the U.S. He is due to meet with the American Secretary of the Treasury, probably to talk over the impending U.S. appropriation of \$2,200m. for Israel. (Itm)

Tennis League starts tomorrow — a month late

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tennis Association's 1973/74 league season gets under way tomorrow, one month behind schedule because of the emergency situation.

With many players still mobilized, it was decided to replace the old National and "A" leagues by a 16-club "premier" league, consisting of northern and central-southern sections. Leagues "B" and "C" will include only the central and southern sections. The Northern Zone, which comprises mainly kibbutzim, has had to pull out, as most of the players are still mobilized.

The League programme of seven rounds will continue until the end of January. Then, if conditions permit, it is hoped to return to the normal League schedule in the early spring.

JDL demonstrate at Education Min.

A group of about 70 supporters of the Jewish Defence League, most of them schoolchildren, demonstrated in front of the Education Ministry in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon against the Ministry's alleged "brain-washing" towards a possible Israel withdrawal. They carried posters protesting against a recent Ministry circular advising teachers to prepare their students for such an eventuality (The circular was withdrawn following protests from teachers). The brief demonstration broke up peacefully.

In Tel Aviv another group of JDL youth demonstrated for an hour outside local Education Ministry offices yesterday afternoon against the circular. The group, who used both bullhorns and posters, said they would stage similar protests twice a week throughout Israel until Education Minister Yigal Allon apologized for the circular.

Jordan to issue special passports to Gaza pilgrims

AMMAN (Reuters). — The Jordanian Government has decided to issue special provisional passports to inhabitants of the Gaza Strip to allow them to go to Saudi Arabia on pilgrimage this month, it was announced here on Wednesday.

Dr. Abdel-Aziz al-Khayyat, the Minister of Islamic Endowments, said in a press statement that the government would issue the passports in accordance with lists prepared by the mayors of Gaza, Rafah and Khan Yunis.

He added that Premier Zeid al-Rifai had instructed government officials to facilitate the issuing of passports to West Bank inhabitants desiring to make the pilgrimage. Similar measures were taken by the Jordanian Government last year.

THE KIRYAT ATA Municipal Council has decided to name an 800-apartment quarter now under construction after David Ben-Gurion.

JOSEPHINE BAKER, the well-known Franco-American entertainer, yesterday ordered a wreath for Ben-Gurion's grave through a Beersheba florist.

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of detergents and other up by 20 per cent, according to a decision of the Public Board.

At meeting Wednesday, rises in the prices of (8 per cent), notebooks (at), Amor food mixers (cent), Amor vacuum (13.5 per cent, depending on), and pipes manufacture Middle East Pipes (2.8 per cent).

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language are completely confused. Dolls and toys will bridge the gap more quickly than anything else. Together with all these new projects we will, of course, continue with old ones — children with handicaps and special government institutions; Bat and Bar Mitzva speeches to children who have nobody else able to give such gifts; and Christmas gifts to convents and presents to Moslem institutions for Id el-Fitr.

There is little time left to carry out this large project — but if all our friends act quickly we will get it done. Gifts should be brought to our offices only in Jerusalem: Town Office: 8 Rehov Aristobolus or Head Office: Industrial Zone, Romema; Tel Aviv: 44 Yehuda Halevi (cor. Nahlat Benjamim); Haifa: 34 Herzl. Contributions by mail should be sent to: The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

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124 Temple Emanuel Religious School, Newton, Mass.

125 Henry Bodick, Brooklyn, N.Y. Rabbi Jones Goldberg, Norwalk, Conn.

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128 In memory of Judith Quat and Benny Samuel.

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137 E.E. in loving memory of my sister Margo Wohlschlag.

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140 Dr. R. Wildman, Haifa — which I received on the occasion of my 75th birthday from Mr. & Mrs. Ch. Wolinerman.

141 Anonymous, Jerusalem.

TELLY AT THE TOP

Jerry Chervin (right), the ex-American Jerusalemite who since the war broke out has been hauling carloads of teffillin and goodies for the soldiers on the Golan Heights, this week presented a 25-inch television set to the soldiers manning the fortress atop Mount Hermon. The set was donated jointly by Jerusalem dealer Shimon Stroh and the children of the Miami Beach Hebrew Academy, headed by Rabbi A. Gross.

Chervin, assisted by Hadassah optometrist Dr. Arthur Levinson, has made 21 trips to the Golan since the war broke out. He carries teffillin, prayer books and other religious requisites, as well as liquor, cakes, sweets, gloves, balachava helmets, socks, and scarves.

A trip with the Chervin "Bible and Book Express" was described in this paper two weeks ago.

There is still a shortage of many of these items among units throughout the Golan (although not on the Hermon itself).

Chief witness in Afragan murder trial is arrested

HAIFA. — The chief prosecution witness in the Haim Afragan murder trial was arrested yesterday on suspicion of giving false testimony.

Esther Zagouri, testifying for the prosecution in the District Court here on Wednesday, retracted her statement to the police concerning a conversation about the murder she earlier claimed to have overheard between the three accused.

The three — Uri Mizrahi, Zion Abouhoul and Moshe Dazino — are alleged to have killed Haim Afragan, a Haifa seaman's goods dealer, in an underground murder last May. Afragan's scorched body was found by a hiker at a deserted spot on Mount Carmel on May 25.

At the opening of Wednesday's session, Assistant District Attorney Ady Brunner asked the court to declare Zagouri a hostile witness after she had withdrawn two of the four statements she had made to the police. At the time she had told investigators that she had listened to the three accused planning to kill Afragan and how to distribute his property.

UNDER PRESSURE

She admitted having said this to the police, but said she had done so under the influence of Mahmoud Abassy who has turned state witness.

Asked why she had lied, she said she feared arrest if she did not make such an admission.

At her request, her testimony was heard on Wednesday. She informed the court that she planned to get married and leave the country.

That request, she testified, had been dictated to her by police against a promise that if she did so, they would help her to leave the country in 24 hours. She said that an hour before the court session she had promised to repeat her initial testimony to the police. But in court she said she had been half asleep during the conversation of the three

Gunpoint arrest in jewellery shop

TEL AVIV. — Four men were arrested here yesterday on suspicion of dealing in stolen silverware and jewellery worth tens of thousands of pounds.

The suspects are a 44-year-old Ramat Gan silversmith, his 27-year-old assistant and two men, aged 22 and 20, with a police record for burglary. Police had been watching the silversmith's shop in one of the southern suburbs here for some time when, yesterday, they saw the two young men, whom they recognised, enter the shop carrying a heavy sack.

A police investigator broke down the door, which had been locked after the two men entered, and arrested the four men in the shop at pistol point. The sacks were found to contain 20 kilograms of silver cutlery and several pieces of artistic silverware. A search of the shop also revealed a hidden room, where quantities of jewellery, gem stones and diamonds were found stowed away in a refrigerator and other places.

The suspects will be brought before a magistrate today.

Social services catalogue now available in T.A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Need to know where to get a bus schedule? How to get leading sewer pipes fixed? Where to turn for pre-marital counselling or information on getting a divorce? The Tel Aviv Municipal Council has just published a new social services catalogue with the answers to all these and many more problems.

The booklet includes the addresses and phone numbers of institutions where one can get advice, information and service in practically every field. It is especially recommended for those who are tired of getting the standard bureaucratic run-around.

Among its listings are most of the immigrant associations; organizations serving the blind and other handicapped persons; institutions for the prevention of heart disease, cancer, asthma, diabetes and other medical problems; services for children (including mental health clinics and diagnostic centres); schools; religious institutions; kennels; and more.

The catalogue also includes all the municipal, Government and voluntary services available in town. The City promises to update it annually.

It is available free of charge at the offices of the Social Services Council, 2 Rehov Buki Ben-Yaghi, Tel Aviv.

Technion starts course delayed by the war

HAIFA. — The Technion yesterday started an international course on water resources management, which had been postponed from October. Eight participants, university graduates in engineering and the sciences, have arrived to take part in the three-month-long course, which is being run in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry.

Three of the participants come from Mexico; two from South Korea; and one each from Argentina, Greece and Thailand. The course, managed by Professors Ya'acov Bear and Mordechai Diskin, will include two weeks of practical work with Tahal and Mekorot. This is the fourth year that the course is being given by the Technion.

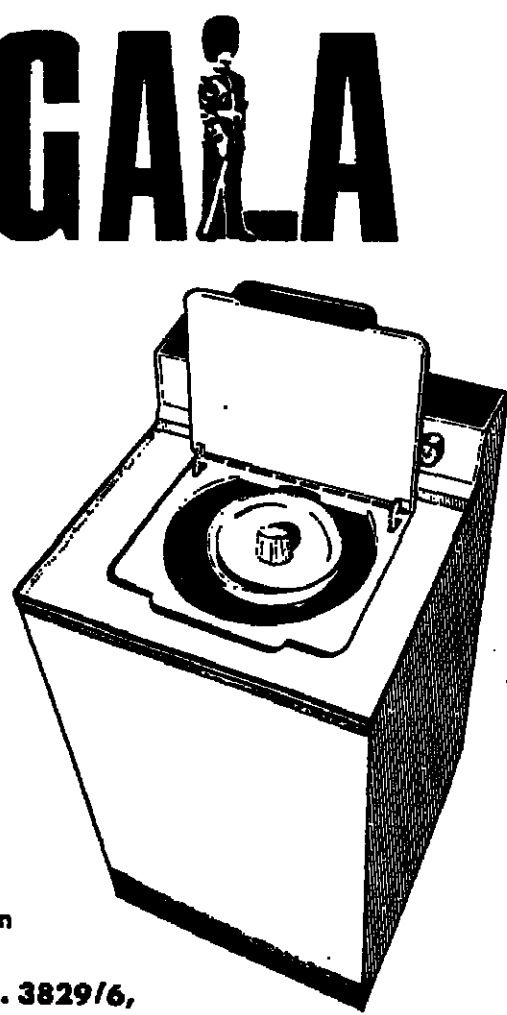
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Secretary of State Kissinger gestures as he talks with Saudi Arabian Oil Minister, Ahmed Zaki Yamani, at the State Department Wednesday. (AP radiophoto)

Yamani sees gradual cut in oil boycott

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Visiting Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani said Wednesday he foresees the possibility of a "step-by-step" relaxation of the Arab oil embargo, beginning as soon as Israel forces begin to withdraw from occupied Arab territory.

He made his remarks to reporters following a 90-minute meeting with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Federal Energy Administrator William Simon, and Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance William Donaldson. The meeting had originally been scheduled to last only 30 minutes.

"I think the goal we are looking for, which is peace in the area, is more feasible now than at any time in the past," Yamani told reporters.

"We think the Israelis realize they cannot continue their occupation and they cannot ignore peace," he said.

Asked whether a complete withdrawal of Israeli forces to the 1967 boundaries was a prerequisite for relaxation of the oil embargo, Yamani replied: "I think when the Israelis decide to withdraw, and there is a timetable to achieve that, we will achieve relaxation step by step."

Yamani was asked whether he believed Israel should be an independent state. "Well, I think so many Arab leaders have announced they are prepared to recognize Israel and

to sign a peace treaty, the existence of Israel is not a question. It definitely is not to be related to the oil business," he said.

State Department spokesman George Vest said later that he could say no more than the meeting had taken place and that it was "very frank, serious and useful."

In another series of top-level meetings in Washington, Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu indicated his country could not sell more oil to the U.S.

After two days of talks with President Nixon, the two leaders urged expanded economic relations between the two countries.

Ceausescu told a National Press Club lunch group, "We have a programme of our own for the development of various power resources available, including research in the Black Sea for new resources."

"We are very ready to accept the cooperation of U.S. companies to look for oil in that area... but (as for oil deliveries from Rumania to the U.S.) I will have to regretfully submit that for more than a hundred years (we) have sent petrol to other parts of the world including the U.S."

"That is one of the reasons why we cannot produce enough today to cover the needs both of Rumania and of other countries."

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GENERAL STRIKE HITS FRANCE

By ALINE MOSBY
PARIS (UPI). — Millions of workers protesting rampant inflation stayed away from work yesterday and disrupted the economy on a wide scale in France's first general strike for five years.

The 24-hour stoppage, organized by labour unions and the Communist and other left-wing parties, hit factories, transport, radio, television and newspapers, the ports, schools, sanitary services, the civil service and power supplies.

There was no immediate assessment on its effectiveness from union leaders but reports from across France said employees shunned work in ratios ranging from 25 per cent to 100.

In Paris, office-workers typed by the light of candles and hurricane lamps as electricity cuts alternately blacked out sections of the city. The fire department reported it was swamped by calls to rescue people trapped between floors in elevators.

Army lorries brought Parisians to work when bus services dropped by half and subway trains by 40 per cent. Only one main-line train in four was running.

The unions called the strike to protest soaring food prices and an annual inflation rate of 11 per cent. Tens of thousands of young demonstrators marched on city hall chanting "Life is expensive" and "halt high living costs." Parisians

watched from the curb but did not join the organized march led by Communist Party leader Georges Marchais, Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand and Labour leader Georges Seguy.

Edmond Maire, a union chief, said the aim of the stoppage was "to show dramatically that the workers don't intend to foot the bill for the high cost of living."

Paris is rated by U.N. statistics as the world's third most expensive city.

Strike action also closed the stock market. The money market stayed open and dealers reported a drop in the dollar.

Finance Minister Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who Wednesday introduced tough emergency measures to curb prices, attacked the stoppage.

"Cutting production does not reduce inflation, it fuels it," he said.

Senior Pierre Messmer said: "Stopping trains has nothing to do with stopping the rise in prices."

The strike was the biggest since the May, 1968 student-worker rebellions which brought all of France to a halt for days on end.

Adding to the government's woes were the effects of the oil shortage. Industrial sources said there has been a 20 per cent drop in textile production and a 50 per cent drop in orders for exports.

Automobile firms said they are likely to close down for a week between Christmas and New Year.

U.S. MESSAGE AT NATO MEETING

Europe is a decade away from defence independence

BRUSSELS (AP). — James Schlesinger, U.S. Secretary of Defence, told West Europeans yesterday that they can move towards defence independence over a decade or more, but in the short run, this was not a serious possibility.

French Foreign Affairs Minister Marcel Jobert has been asking a group of seven European countries to cooperate more closely on defence within the framework of the West European Union, which does not include the U.S.

Schlesinger arrived yesterday for a Nato ministerial session as the defence ministers from ten of America's European allies got together to discuss plans for sharing the burden of defence between Europe

and the U.S. France refuses to join in this "Euro-group."

Schlesinger said the U.S. has always encouraged the integration of European defence forces. He said that continued movement now by Europeans toward greater integration of their forces would be highly advantageous both to Europe and to the North Atlantic Alliance.

The Europeans reported at yesterday's meeting that they had spent \$2,900m. more on defence this year than in 1972. This was said to be a real increase of 3 to 4 per cent, after a deduction for the effect of inflation.

Schlesinger told reporters that the U.S. is furnishing two-thirds of the total financial resources of the alliance.



This 1909 Picasso cabinet painting, "Femme Assise," was bought at Sotheby's Wednesday by an American buyer for \$340,000 (IL\$500,000), a world record for a Picasso. The unidentified buyer had over the telephone via a transatlantic call. (AP radiophoto)

Soviets reconciled to delay in Europe talks

Debate on free movement goes on

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union appears reconciled to the European Security Conference being held up by extended debate over Western proposals for free movement of men, ideas and information.

Gone from the Soviet press are predictions that the second stage of the conference can finish its work by year's end. The second phase of the talks opened in Geneva on September 18 to prepare for a European summit conference.

The new formulation is that the work in Geneva should be finished at the "earliest possible" time. And the Soviets put their finger on the trouble: discussions of the free movement proposals.

Writing in "Pravda," the authoritative Communist Party daily, I. Malinikov said in regard to contacts and exchange of information: "A

number of delegations up to recent days are trying to force one-sided solutions to many problems and they do not stop at excessive steps that border on direct interference in the internal affairs of states."

The Soviets see all efforts to open Communist frontiers to free travel, ideas and information as a threat to state domination in these spheres and therefore as meddling in Soviet internal affairs.

But the Soviets, who first proposed the conference and made it a major element of foreign policy, seem prepared for some compromise to keep the conference moving.

Malinikov, writing from Geneva, said work on a "preamble will help to open the direct way to agreement in the opinion of many states."

He said the preamble should stress "respect for the principles

of sovereignty and non-interference, observance of the laws and customs of countries."

With such a covering statement, the Soviets could sign almost any document pledging free movement of people and ideas. The preamble would give them grounds to block implementation of any specific proposals they didn't like.

In a speech in October, Soviet Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev defended the Soviet record on human rights. He denounced efforts to open up his country to more travel and ideas.

"With all the talk of freedom and democracy and human rights, this whole strident campaign serves only one purpose — to cover up the attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of the Socialist countries, to cover up the imperialist aims of this policy."

'Pravda' admits Franco-Soviet differences

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Communist Party organ "Pravda" yesterday admitted there are "known differences on some questions" between France and the Soviet Union, but at the same time sought to minimize suggestions that relations between Paris and Moscow have cooled.

The newspaper did not specify what the "known differences" were but it added, "it is also true there still exist quite a few unused reserves and opportunities for the further development and deepening of mutually profitable French-Soviet cooperation."

The "Pravda" article, by commentator Voleslav Sedych, came after reports in the French press that the next meeting between Soviet Party chief Leonid Brezhnev and French President Georges Pompidou may be postponed because of Moscow's displeasure with certain French policy positions.

The Brezhnev-Pompidou meeting had been scheduled for early in 1974, although French officials have said no exact date has been set.

French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert has criticized what he termed a Soviet-American "condominium" on world affairs and suggested that the Soviets have not fully respected the 1970 French-Soviet protocol on political cooperation.

The "Pravda" article was directed principally against what it said was an effort by certain French newspapers "to cast a shadow on Soviet-French relations."

LANDSLIDE. — At least 10 persons were killed, eight of them children, when more than 100 tons of earth and rocks roared down in a landslide that buried a row of shacks in a slum area in Mexico City.



British Prime Ministers — or their descendants or close relatives — all attended the Sir Winston Churchill Centenary Edition Lunch at London's Savoy Hotel on Wednesday. From left, Prime Minister Edward Heath (right) talks with two of his predecessors, Harold Macmillan and Anthony Eden, now the Earl of Avon. The luncheon, hosted by the Library of Imperial History, marked the publication of the world-exclusive limited edition of the complete collected literary works of Churchill. (AP radiophoto)

NO JAIL TERMS FOR KUNSTLER, CHICAGO 7

CHICAGO (UPI). — A federal judge

yesterday let attorney William Kunstler and three of the "Chicago Seven" off without sentencing them on their convictions of courtroom misbehavior during a 1969-70 riot-conspiracy trial.

U.S. District Judge Edward Gignoux repeated portions of U.S. Court of Appeals comments on the often turbulent trial in which the seven were defendants, and voted that the "non-judicial atmosphere" was created almost equally by the defence

and the Government.

Gignoux noted that David Dellinger, Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin already had served sentences from 14 to 28 days in 1970. Dellinger was found guilty by Gignoux Tuesday on seven counts of contempt, Hoffman on two and Rubin on two counts as well.

"Although Mr. Kunstler was never jailed, no purpose would be served by sentencing him to jail except the of vindication," Gignoux said.

THE PRIME MINISTER... AND THE FATAL MISTAKE

In a radio interview broadcast on December 1, 1973, Prime Minister Golda Meir said this:

"A tragedy occurred. There was a mistaken assessment of information (on Egyptian and Syrian preparations for war), and Zahal was not deployed at its full strength along the lines of defence. Certain things have happened since this fatal mistake in evaluating information that was received"

For the first time, Mrs. Meir admitted her Government's fateful failure, which has been pointed out by LIKUD in the Knesset and to the public at large.

The Prime Minister did not name those who made the mistake in assessment. She did not stipulate whose "fatal mistake" brought the "tragedy" on Israel.

BUT THE NATION KNOWS

The Alignment Government is responsible for the failures which reached their tragic climax between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, and caused all the grave military and political results.

The Alignment Government does not deserve the nation's confidence.

We call upon every citizen of Israel, regardless of political and party affiliation, to give LIKUD a mandate to form a government in Israel, a government of national unity which will bring Israel security and peace.

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Oil crisis reports on East and West Europe

PETROL CHAOS IN BRITAIN

Soviets will need Arab oil for twenty years

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Britain is gripped by a petrol pump crisis which has closed up to 50 per cent of its garages, and has forced motorists to queue at the stations remaining open for as much as two hours for a couple of gallons of petrol.

While the government assures the nation that there is no need to panic, car drivers are running out of petrol, and long-distance lorry drivers are pulling off the road as their fuel gauge registers empty.

Despite the assurances of Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani that he considers Britain as "friendly" to oil, it is not reaching the consumer. Some is being diverted to Holland instead. Petrol ration books are being distributed at a leisurely pace while customers at petrol stations are getting involved in fist fights over queue jumpers.

With some garages dry, and many others only serving regular customers, hundreds of thousands of motorists in London are spending hours each day cruising around trying to find fresh supplies. Every fuel cess still open has rows of cars up to half a mile long outside.

Fawning attitude

While some may derive satisfaction from seeing the normally unflappable British discomfited, as just retribution for their fawning attitude towards the Arabs, the matter has a much more serious side.

Industry and essential services, such as home visits by doctors, are threatened with extinction. As rationing has not yet been introduced, truck drivers and doctors have to fight for petrol like everybody else. Deliveries of foodstuffs are also in danger because many companies are now telling their customers that they cannot deliver over long distances unless the customer can guarantee them enough fuel to get the lorries back to the depot.

The situation is reported to be worst in the London and the south-east regions, but even in other parts

of the country supplies are far from normal, and can only be described as good in relation to the southern drought.

The government has now ordered oil companies to divert deliveries from other parts of Britain to London and the South-East, but now that the fears of running dry have set in, motorists will continue to top up their tanks at every opportunity, thus worsening the crisis.

The situation has deteriorated to such an extent that most of the newspapers have been calling for the introduction of rationing as preferable to the present chaos. At least people will be guaranteed some petrol on the rationing system, while today no one knows whether he will be able to get petrol or not.

The oil industry here is confidently noting rationing to be introduced on January 7, the first week of full work after the Christmas and New Year holidays. If introduced, it is expected that the allocation will be in the region of eight to ten gallons a month, enough for about 350 kms. driving in an average car.

The much more serious side of all this is the threat to industry. Even though the government will endeavour to ensure that there are only the minimum cuts in crucial supplies of fuel to factories, this programme is threatened by other energy shortages.

The electricity supply workers are working to rule, refusing to work overtime, and this has led to a cut in power supplied to stations. They have been joined by the coal-miners who have also imposed their own overtime ban which has left coal-burning power stations in danger of running short of fuel.

This has nothing to do with the Middle East crisis, except in so far as that the electricians and miners realized that this was a good time to press their claims for higher wages than permitted under the government Phase Three wage policy. As the coal-miners' leader, Joe Gormley, put it: "If the government is prepared to go out of its way

to appease the Arabs in order to maintain oil supplies, it had better think about making some gesture in our direction too, if it wants coal production to be maintained."

As in the days of the "package deal" in Israel, the government is trying to find some way to pay these essential workers more without infringing its own policy. Extra payments for such things as "unsocial hours" and the like have been mooted, but apparently won't provide enough extra money to satisfy the miners and electrical power workers.

Overtime ban

This was bad enough, but now the train-drivers have decided to impose their overtime ban from next week, so that more people will be pushed into driving their cars to work while there is less and less petrol to fuel those extra journeys.

With energy threats making the outlook for industry grimmer and grimmer, there is now talk of the government introducing a four-day working week in an effort to stave off disaster. Unemployment has so far been felt only by the casual labour at petrol stations, but the motor industry can't be far away from sizeable layoffs, and this will be followed by other industries.

Apart from appealing to new Arab-rulers of Egypt, apparently without as much success as had been hoped, the government seems caught up in a dilemma of its own making. It is reluctant to alter its wage policy, its relative freeze on wages, and its general attitude of hoping the crisis will go away. It has yet to adjust to the fact that Britain, and much of the Western world for that matter, is on the brink of a crisis of proportions which could make the Wall Street crash and the depression of the 1930s fade into insignificance.

The months to come may prove that the panic at the petrol pumps was a sensible response by the public which realized much sooner than the government that the industrialized West is facing a crisis which could alter its way of life radically.

By ROGER LEDDINGTON

MOSCOW (AP). — For most Russians, the world energy crisis is merely a curiosity aroused by TV films of Dutchmen roller-skating to work. But inside the Kremlin, economists are worrying how to meet this country's oil needs in the near future.

The Soviets unequivocally declare that there "is not and will not be" an energy crisis here, and for the most part Western specialists tend to agree.

But while there is no evidence of a consumer fuel shortage in the Soviet Union, the Western experts believe the country faces internal and foreign demands for oil in the next 15 years that cannot be met by domestic production alone. With 35 billion barrels of oil already discovered and Siberian and Arctic reserves adding much more, the Russians could well become self-sufficient by 1990 if the West agrees to help supply the equipment and

technical know-how that is sorely lacking.

Until then, the Kremlin's problem is to obtain enough oil to meet domestic needs, fulfil requests from its East European satellites and have enough left to sell to the West for much-needed hard currency.

The problem is not discussed in the official press here, but according to Western experts, Moscow has only one clear choice: it must become a major importer of Middle East oil for the next two decades.

Last year, Russia failed to meet planned production levels of both crude oil and natural gas. The shortages are expected to be greater this year. Announcements from the Kremlin in November contradicted each other on the size of the gap between planned and reached production, but no one has ventured to claim that the plan for oil will be exceeded. As a result, some of Moscow's closest business partners in the West,

France and West Germany in particular, are getting shortchanged on agreed deliveries of Soviet crude oil. In addition, the Japanese are reported to be reconsidering a \$2 billion deal to build a trans-Siberian pipeline after the Russians backed down on earlier pledges to deliver 280 million barrels of oil annually in return for equipment and technical aid. Moscow now says Japan can have only 175 million barrels.

The Soviet actions would make some American companies think twice about venturing into similar multimillion-dollar oil and natural gas agreements with the Soviet Union.

So far, however, the Kremlin's East European satellites have suffered little from the Arab oil cutbacks.

Eastern Europe

A survey from Associated Press correspondents in Eastern Europe revealed the following picture:

- Czechoslovakia imports at least 90 per cent of its oil and most of its natural gas from Russia. There have been no energy cutbacks and, despite rumours of a gasoline price hike, Czechoslovak authorities have assured the public that rates will remain stable.

- Hungarians continue to enjoy full supplies for their 1.1 million cars and trucks, with 37.1 million of the 42 million barrels of imported oil coming from the Soviet Union. Fuel rationing has not been instituted by the government.

- To the north, however, their Polish allies were faced last weekend with the introduction of some minor cutbacks. State vehicles and tourist buses were ordered to cut their fuel consumption by 33 per cent and a speed limit of 50 miles per hour was instituted. Supplies of oil — some 70 million barrels were imported from the Soviet Union in 1972 — continued untroubled to homes, factories and hotels, however.

- Yugoslavia is profiting from the oil crisis. It offers gasoline to motorists from neighbouring Italy and Austria, and the Sunday driving bans and rationed gas sales at home. If any shortages occur this winter it will be due to domestic mismanagement rather than to an energy crisis. Gasoline costs were temporarily raised 40 per cent when the Arab oil cutbacks to the West were announced, because the Yugoslavs were bound by contracts to buy oil and derivatives from major Western European companies for financing and investment deals.

- But because of President Tito's support of their cause, Arab leaders promptly agreed to meet all of Yugoslavia's oil needs. Libya will supply 14 million barrels — about 25 per cent of the nation's over-all requirements.

- Tiny Albania, which has no relations with Moscow, is not expected to feel the oil pinch since motoring is a minor form of transport.

- Bulgaria, which imports 50 per cent of its needed fuel, with all oil coming from Russia, announced a 10 per cent cut in electricity to save fuel, but there has been no gasoline rationing.

- Rumania takes no Soviet oil but has instituted the toughest restrictions in the Communist bloc. Virtually all of its imports come from Iran, which delivers just under half of the 250,000 barrels of oil consumed daily, with the remainder extracted domestically. Energy saving measures taken in Rumania in November included gasoline rationing, removal of light bulbs of more than 75 watts from shop shelves, temperatures cut to 68 degrees in homes and 61 degrees in factories. Every other street light in Bucharest, and in some cases two of every three, are out.

- About half of all Soviet oil exports — 364 million barrels — went last year to the East European allies and other fraternal countries such as Cuba, Mongolia, North Korea and North Vietnam. These nations' needs are expected to grow to 840 million barrels by the end of the decade.

'Friendly aid'

To help meet the demand, the Soviet government recently has been urging its allies to look to Moscow's Middle East clients for some of their oil supplies. The Russians have declared that their Middle East oil imports (65m barrels) were made in response to Arab requests to pay for Soviet "friendly aid." The purchases, however, helped the Russians fulfil their eastern satellites' requirements.

By 1980 the Soviets are expected to be consuming about 3.5 billion barrels of oil annually at home from a planned total production of 4.5 billion barrels. Therefore, in order to meet their eastern allies' needs and earn hard currency through exports to the West, the Soviet government will be forced to increase substantially its Middle East oil imports over the next 20 years or face being the bloc's dependence on Moscow — a situation the Kremlin is unlikely to promote.

Oil currently represents about 40 per cent of the Soviet Union's total fuel and power sources, coal about 54 per cent, and natural gas 50 per cent. Coal's importance in the economy is scheduled to diminish by 1975 by more than six per cent, with emphasis being placed on oil, gas and atomic energy.

Russian atomic energy plants produced 3.5 billion kilowatt hours of energy in 1970 and this figure is scheduled to be boosted to 25 billion kilowatt hours by 1975.

Harnessing the sun

SOLAR POWER

By FABIAN ACKER

Now that the energy crisis is upon us, scientists are searching for alternative sources of power. And that's where the sun comes in. In some parts of the world, and Israel is one of them, the amount of sun's energy falling on the earth's surface is about 1.5 MW/m² a year, which represents a considerable amount of electricity, enough to power a small village's requirements, or a small kibbutz for about five or six months.

The prospect of using solar power is intriguing because it is so abundant, and apparently free. Despite the fact that most practicable sun-powered devices have efficiencies around about one or two per cent (although some are now being built with 10 per cent efficiencies), this would seem irrelevant as the fuel doesn't cost anything.

The problem is that the systems used for converting the sun's power into something that can be used on earth are either very expensive or take up enormous tracts of land or both. Therefore high efficiencies are important to keep the costs of the equipment or the land area required to the absolute minimum.

Typical of the suggestions being made to exploit solar energy is one that comes from the head of a prestigious American firm that specializes in engineering studies. Because the sun's energy doesn't reach all the earth's surface, all the time, the argument goes, the sun's energy should be collected by satellite, and beamed back to earth by microwaves (like the ones used for cooking) to a receiver, which would convert them to electrical power.

However, the satellite would have to have an area of 0.75 km² roughly the same as that of about 100 football pitches. The receiving station would have to be 40kms, in area, say about the size of Acre.

Now although there are tracts of land that could accommodate this size of station, they are unfortunately far from areas of high population, and the electricity would have to be transmitted over long distances at high cost.

Another disadvantage (if that isn't too weak a word) is that any birds, or fabric-covered aircraft, which flew into the beam of microwaves between the satellite and earth, would become very quickly cooked.

Solar cells, that is thin films of certain compounds which, when exposed to light, give an electric cur-

rent, are also possible sources of power, and in remote locations, where there is no available supply of electricity (and where there is plenty of sunshine) they can be used to advantage. For instance, the Philippines Navigational Authorities have ordered solar powered navigation lamps for the area under their jurisdiction, some 20,000 km². The lamps are actually powered by conventional batteries, and these are charged up during the daylight hours, releasing their energy at night.

But this is only a very specialized application, and at the moment these kinds of cells are expensive, and again need a large area to give a small current.

But there are less esoteric and more effective ways of using the sun's energy, and possibly the way out of the problem will lie in these more prosaic routes. Israel, with its sun-powered water heaters, gives a good example. Given that they don't work all the year round and that they are costly to install, they do relieve the Electricity Authority of some of its load.

This is more important than it seems. When an electricity supply system is working at its maximum, the price of the last few megawatts of power is far more expensive than those generated when the system is not fully loaded. This is because at maximum demand the generating authority has to use every bit of plant available, both that which works efficiently, and that which doesn't. When demand is low, only the best plant is used, and therefore generating costs are at their minimum; when the demand rises, the less efficient generators are connected to the network, and costs of electricity rise. Therefore any system which relieves the network of the peaks of demand, saves the electricity authority generating expensive electricity.

Mr. Ackers is a writer on scientific subjects.

ROTTERDAM OIL TRICKLES, EUROPE FEELS THE PINCH

CAN the Arabs do without Rotterdam? This is the question being asked in Holland, now that their principal oil port — with the highest and most up-to-date refineries in the world — have to forgo Arab oil.

Rotterdam imported in 1972 the enormous amount of 130 million tons of crude oil (roughly more than twenty times Israel's total annual needs). About 70 per cent, or 90 million tons, came from the Arab countries, and 40 million tons from other overseas oil producing countries. These huge quantities are not needed in Holland, neither are they being refined in Rotterdam.

Over six million tons are pumped directly, as crude, to other countries. Of these, twenty million are being pumped through special pipelines to Antwerp and another twenty million to the German Ruhr district. Antwerp and the Ruhr both have their own refining installations.

It has been argued that Le Havre, the French oil port which recently expanded its harbour and refining facilities, can take over Rotterdam's task in supplying Belgium and Germany. There exist, however, no pipe-

lines from Le Havre to Antwerp or to Germany. Le Havre can only serve these customers when the oil — which arrives in mammoth tankers — is reloaded in smaller vessels since neither Antwerp nor the Ruhr has facilities to receive the giant ships. This is a very costly procedure.

Le Havre cannot refine these huge quantities, despite its recent expansion. The construction of additional refineries, which would only be used in an emergency, is also a costly business.

If the Arab countries continue their embargo on oil to Holland, Belgium and Germany will also suffer severely, and some other European countries will also be affected. Rotterdam will be left with an import of crude from non-Arab sources of over 40 million tons, enabling its huge refineries to continue working at about two-thirds of its 1972 production, subject only to long-term contracts obliging Holland to sell its oil abroad. Although this also diminishes the raw materials available for many petrochemical industries situated near Rotterdam, it cannot be called disastrous.

Obviously, Holland was chosen as the main target for the Arab oil embargo because of its huge imports and the repercussions the embargo has on other European countries. The widely publicized reason — Holland's supposedly friendly attitude to Israel — played only a minor part in Saudi Arabia's decision where to use the oil weapon.

The use of oil as a weapon, both in the political and the commercial field was widely discussed prior to the Yom Kippur War, and it has actually been used before. There were cartoons depicting Egypt's President Gamal Nasser with his hand on the oil tap, after the closing of the Suez Canal in the aftermath of the 1956 Sinai campaign, with the European countries lining up with empty oil cans and long faces.

The ensuing oil shortage played a major part in clearing up the Canal more quickly than was expected. Since then, mammoth tankers travelling round the Cape have made the Suez Canal superfluous as far as oil supplies are concerned.

After the Six Day War the Arabs cut off their oil supplies to the U.S. Britain and West Germany. The Arabs used the false pretext that America and Britain had given Israel air assistance, while West Germany was penalized for lending moral support. "However, already by the end of June 1967, King Faisal — backed by Kuwait and pre-revolutionary Libya — argued that the boycott was hurting the producers, not the customers."

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32 YEARS AGO TODAY

Pearl Harbour was hit despite forewarnings

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE 32nd anniversary today of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor — one of the most shattering surprise operations in the history of modern warfare — is of particular interest for us in that it has, in comparison, some degree of relevance to the assault of the Egyptian and Syrian armies on Jerusalem absorbed in the observance of Yom Kippur.

The U.S. and Japan were not in a state of war, of course, and there were points of similarity, including the rather obvious one that the Japanese staff planning a surprise attack would time it for a day that would be a day of religious observance. The Japanese chose Sunday, December 7, 1941, when many of the personnel of the U.S. army and navy were at Pearl Harbor, were at work on the ships or on normal week-end leave.

The Americans were to learn much later than did Israel that there had been ominous signs that the Japanese were planning an attack. The Japanese had been steadily deteriorating in the Pacific since the U.S. had broken off relations with them in 1940, and the two major military powers still not directly involved in World War II — had clearly broken off relations by the end of November. Large naval forces, including aircraft carriers, were on the move in the South China Sea, including the Japanese carrier-borne of 200 aircraft and a squadron of 200 submarines struck with

No change in IDBI loans

By MOSHE ATER

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

IN spite of rising prices and the high level of interest rates, no change is expected in the lending terms of the Industrial Development Bank, which still charges nine per cent for loans to industrial projects and at most 12.5 per cent for loans to projects considered less productive. The subsidy involved in loans on such terms will continue to be covered by the Treasury. In 1972, the Treasury contributed 11.4m. to the IDBI dividends.

Dr. A. Neuman, the IDBI general manager, is now in the U.S. finalizing a \$50m. issue of capital notes required for the bank's financing programme. The notes will carry 7.5 per cent interest, and will be repayable after a period of 25 years. They will be floated through the Capital for Israel organization. The issue is expected to be sold over a period of six months. The sales commission charged by Capital for Israel is 7.5 per cent, bringing the effective cost of the funds thus raised to about 8 per cent, linked to the dollar rate of exchange.

At the Cinema

The Room Mates (Cinema One, Tel Aviv), is the fifth or sixth murder mystery to reach us during the past year, in which the victims are attractive young girls.

But this one — which takes place at a lakeside summer camp in California — concentrates as much on romance as on tension, with the series of murders appearing as nothing more than interludes among the round of love-making. Director is Arthur Marks.

The little-known cast act with varying degrees of competence, and the quality of the screenplay (of which Marks is co-author) is similarly uneven, being at its best in several tender scenes between a shy young boy and an older girl, which recall "Summer of '42".

Cinema One (formerly the Yaron and then the Criterion), was opened just before the Yom Kippur War after extensive renovations. It is now a very comfortable and well-appointed movie house with 800 seats, and has particularly good acoustics.

In "Jeremiah Johnson" (Orion, Tel Aviv), Robert Redford plays the title role of an ex-soldier who turns his back on civilization and becomes a mountain man in the American west in the 1840s. Directed by Sydney Pollack ("They Shoot Horses, Don't They?"), the film was a U.S. entry at last year's Cannes Festival.

Against the magnificent background of the Rockies, the hero struggles to survive in the hostile environment, before mastering the skills of hunting, trapping and fishing. He also trades with friendly Indians and fights with hostile ones, and eventually acquires a squaw (Della Bolton, in her screen debut).

However, though some of the episodes are certainly interesting, this is an adventure film which fails to excite. On the credit side is the lyrical beauty of the scenery — the whole movie was shot on location in the rugged Utah mountains — and scenes with Crow, Blackfoot and Flathead Indians, which have a feeling of real authenticity.

music by yohanan boehm

OWING to the last-minute change of date following the death of David Ben-Gurion, the IFO concert coincided with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's programme "Old and New." Nevertheless the latter drew a remarkably large audience to the Jerusalem Theatre (though many came late and wandered around during the music — reminding us of bad old habits at the YMCA-Auditorium).

The programme was stimulating, with Olivier Messiaen's "Trois Petites Liturgies de la Presence Divine" (1944) — presenting the most interesting work scored for a group of soprano singing in unison (well prepared by Pinna Issarov), piano (Gregori Haimovsky, very good, indeed), celesta, vibraphone, maracas, Chinese cymbals, gong, Ondes Martenot (here replaced by an electric organ), and strings, this composition undoubtedly made a strong impact on the audience. Intriguing sound mixtures, lively rhythms, inventiveness, and the composer's driving urge to communicate found in Mendel Rodan a commensurate interpreter, directing a most impressive presentation.

The evening opened with the world premiere of Arthur Gelbrun's Third Symphony commissioned for the 25th anniversary of the State by the Broadcasting Authority. Quotations from a memorial speech by Moshe Dayan and several Psalms gave the work literary content and thematic intent. Soprano Bibiana Goldenthal and speaker Ephraim Abba joined the orchestra for these lines. Since Abba's voice came over too softly, and the soprano's enunciation is hopelessly inadequate, it might have been a good idea to have had the words printed in the programme booklet for the listener to read. Gelbrun's music successfully avoids triviality or clichés and stands witness to his earnestness and sincerity.

The "Old" was represented by

Purcell's little opera "Dido and Aeneas" (1689). Here the best participants were the members of the Chamber Choir of the Jerusalem Rubin Academy (inspired by Stanley Sperber), who sounded remarkably fresh and concise. Jerome Barry (Aeneas) was the only singer with an acceptable enunciation — the quality of his voice and his phrasing have been repeatedly praised in these columns. Irene Oliver (Dido) has dramatic talent and a fine voice, while Lois Yavnieli (Belinda) just misses giving unalloyed pleasure. The supporting roles were filled by Esther Admon, Yehudit Alexandroni, Gila Yaron and Abraham Salomon, possibly the best available singers around. Apart from one too early entrance of the choir towards the end, the whole performance was well directed by Mendel Rodan and well supported by the string section of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (December 4).

THE magic name of J.S. Bach drew a maximum audience to the Targ Music Centre on Monday night. Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir, the seasoned duo-pianists, played the two double concertos (in C minor and in C major), heartily applauded by the mostly youthful listeners. The Jerusalem Soloists provided ample orchestral background and accompaniment. The latter also presented Mendelssohn's Octet, which made very satisfying listening. The ensemble has improved considerably of late and is gaining the necessary confidence to give a convincing performance. It is true there were places here and there which one would have liked to be played more transparently; the Scherzo needed much more air and lightness. But, on the whole, the ensemble seems to be well on the way to becoming a viable and attractive group of chamber players (December 3).

Paray conducts Philharmonic

By BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Veteran French conductor Paul Paray, who had to postpone the beginning of his current concert tour here when he was suddenly taken ill shortly before his first scheduled appearance last Monday, was back on the rostrum on Thursday to conduct the Israel Philharmonic's fourth subscription concert. The audience seemed well aware of the effort he must have made and gave the distinguished 87-year-old maestro a hearty welcome.

The first item, Prokofiev's Classical Symphony, was endowed with all the elegance and charm a Frenchman is capable of producing. The next, however, Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major for oboe, clarinet, horn, bassoon and orchestra, K. app. 9, was somewhat of a disappointment. The four soloists (Elisabeth Thorne, oboe; Richard Lesser, clarinet; Meir Rimmon, horn, and Mordechai Reichman, bassoon) produced some really exquisite solo playing and Paray accompanied in a relaxed and effortless manner; but tempo and dynamics were rather flat, and one could not rid oneself of a certain feeling of monotony which clung to most of the performance.

The climax of the evening was undoubtedly Saint-Saens' Symphony No. 3 in C minor with organ, a work of considerable beauty though one with a rather empty and hom-

basic finale. But here Paray seemed to be able to overcome most of the weaknesses with his impeccable taste, his noble and restrained feelings, and his unrestrained love of the score. The sounds of the organ — played by Valery Malaisky — added a festive, solemn and often majestic mood.

The magnificent new \$25,000 Allen electronic concert organ, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Baer of Philadelphia, had already given a first public demonstration of its riches on Monday, when Mr. Malaisky played a few Bach preludes and fugues and choral fantasies for the several hundred concert-goers who turned up despite the postponement of the evening's scheduled event.

There can be no doubt that the acquisition of this instrument is a great asset for Israel's musical life.

'Black Diaspora' lectures at Hebrew University

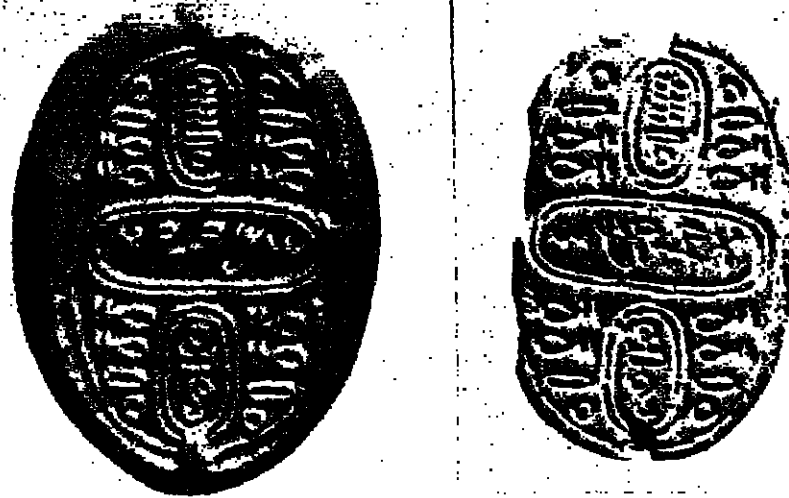
THE African Diaspora in America will be the subject of three public lectures to be delivered under the auspices of the Samuel Paley Lectureship in American Culture and Civilization at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

They will be given by the noted American historian Prof. C. Vann Woodward. The lectures, titled "Years in the Wilderness," "Promised Land," and "Wilderness in Canaan" will be held on December 11, 16, and 18 at 6 p.m. in the Senate Hall on the University's Givat Ram campus.

Born in Arkansas in 1908, Prof. Woodward (who is Sterling Professor of History at Yale) is widely known for his writings on American race relations, especially his book "The Strange Career of Jim Crow," a controversial account of the origins of racial segregation. He is the foremost living historian of the American South.

The Paley Lectureship was established at the Hebrew University in 1959 through an endowment by the Samuel Paley Foundation of Philadelphia and is administered by the Department of American Studies of the University.

Among previous Paley Lecturers have been poet Robert Frost; educator Robert Maynard Hutchins; literary scholar Howard Mumford Jones; and historian Oscar Handlin.



Impression (left) and seal (right) of Shmaryahu, 700 BCE. (Israel Museum)



Seal of Jeremiah, 700 BCE. (Israel Museum)

Hebrew seals donated to the Israel Museum

Jerusalem Post Art Editor

Two priceless collections of ancient Hebrew seals, the donation of Dr. Norman P. Schenker of Geneva, form a new section of the Israel Museum, to be opened to the public next Tuesday afternoon in the presence of the donor.

Dr. Schenker, the publisher of a medical journal, has devoted his life to collecting Judaica that relates to the earliest origins of Jewish culture. To his own collection of First Temple Hebrew seals donated to the Museum he has added the collection of a Jerusalem dealer who for years offered first call to the Israel Museum: the Museum simply lacked the means to take up the option.

The Museum already possesses a modest collection of Middle and Near East seals, but few were of Jewish origin.

Many seals, bearing inscriptions in ancient Hebrew script, have been found here, as well as inscribed seal impressions on jar-handles or on clay bullae that sealed papyrus documents. Most of the Hebrew seals are of the latter part of the First

Temple Period — from the eighth to the early sixth centuries B.C.E. The seal-stamp served as a mark of ownership or as a guarantee of authenticity of content. From the names engraved on the seals, some of them can be ascribed to neighbouring peoples, Arameans, Ammonites, Moabites and Phoenicians.

The seals generally bear the name of the owner and the name of the father often follows. A small group of seals bears women's names. Of special importance are seals bearing names of kings or of officials. Besides the names, in some cases, there are ornamental motifs, some of which are derived from ancient Near Eastern mythology. These motifs may have had magic properties, such as protection against the evil eye.

The seals were made of semi-precious or other hard stones, though sometimes also of bone, ivory, falience, glass, silver or gold. Most of the Hebrew seals are oval — scaraboid in form, some threaded, others set in rings. The inscriptions are engraved in reverse, in mirror script from left to right.

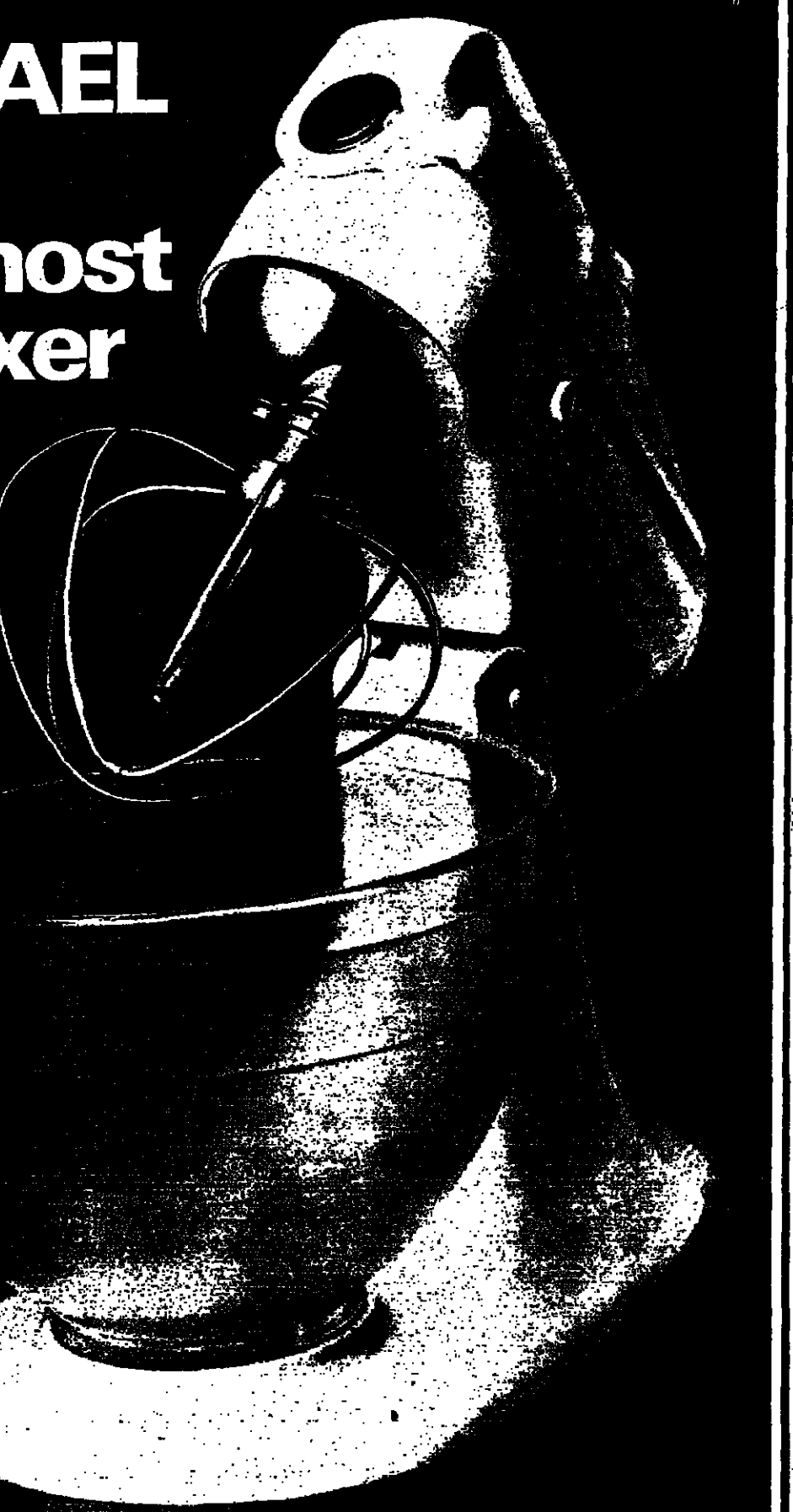
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gious, long-term lease. No brokers. Tel.
02-52555.
TO RENT unfurnished Cottage (5 bed-
rooms) for 2 years in Givat Hamivtar.
Tel. 02-237781.
BARGAINS OF THE WEEK: Unfurnished
4 rooms, quiet street, Tel. 02-237781.
4 rooms, terrace apartment, garden, wall
to wall, Tel. 02-237781.
4 rooms, adjacent Beit Hakerem, IL400,
4 rooms, 4 1/2 bath rooms, Givat Mordecai,
Anglo-Saxon, 2 Hasoreg St.,
Tel. 02-23161.
TO LET 3-room furnished flat, tele-
phone, heating, including linen and kit-
chenware. Tel. 02-237781.
WORKING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
seeking furnished room exchange Hebrew
speaking and/or English speaking. Tel.
02-23435, 4-6 p.m. Shoshana.
RENTING — 3-room apartment Bayit
Vegan, Shaarei Torah, closets, refrigera-
tor, heating. Tel. 02-53943, except Shab-
bat.
WANTED — unfurnished ground floor
rental accepting dogs. Tel. 02-23104.
TO LET 3-room luxury fully furnished
flat, 111, heating, telephone, central heat-
ing, French Hill. Tel. 02-23161.
TO LET furnished 3 1/2-room furnished
apartment, telephone, heating, Rehov Ha-
palach. Tel. 02-237781.
WANTED 2 religious girls, share flat,
heating, telephone, Rehov HaPalach,
Tel. 02-237781.
WANTED GIRL: to share 3 room flat,
furnished, in German Colony, telephone,
heating, IL200. Tel. 02-60845.
FOR RENT lovely 3-room furnished
apartment, heating, refrigerator, Bayit Ve-
gan. Tel. 02-33178.
TO LET empty 3 1/2-room flat, Kiryat
Aviv. Tel. 02-237781.
WANTED GIRL share flat, heating, Rehov
HaPalach. Tel. 02-237781 — work.
Eva.
TO LET 4-room furnished apartment,
heating, telephone, Rehov HaPalach. Tel.
02-237781.
TO LET 3 room villa, Mofet III. Tel. 02-
234481.
BACHELOR living 2-3 days a week in
new 3 room furnished flat, central heat-
ing, and Rehov Shimon, seeks one or
two people (must be religious) to share flat.
Rent 201, Tel. 02-23161, 2-4 p.m.
RENTAL — 3 bedroom furnished apart-
ment, central heating, three to six months,
Tel. Jerusalem. Tel. 02-237781, between
4.30-6.30 p.m.
RENTAL, 3 1/2-room flat in Beit Za-
vion, Rehov HaPalach, 120 Rehov Ha-
palach. Tel. 02-23161.
RENTAL TALBIEH 3 and 4 room apart-
ments, Adele's Realty. Tel. 02-6057.
TO LET TALBIEH, 3-room furnished, 3-
room furnished flat IL400. Tel. 02-237781.
TO LET on quiet street in Kiryat Shmuel,
3-room apartment, furnished, central
heating, heating, refrigerator, IL200. Lin-Dar Real Estate,
120 Rehov Shmuel, Tel. 02-237781.
STUDENTS RENTALS: 3-room furnished
apartment, from IL150. Lin-Dar Real Es-
tate, 120 Rehov Shmuel, Tel. 02-237781.
RENTALS: APARTMENTS, furnished, 3
rooms, Tel. 02-237781.
TO RENT — mid-June — mid-July, Beit
Hakerem, 4-room furnished apart-
ment, heating, refrigerator, IL200. Lin-Dar
Real Estate, 120 Rehov Shmuel, Tel. 02-
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